the approval *»i* the National Land Use and Wastelamde Development Council recently which involves a shift in policy, e»phasis on decentralisation an* increasing people's involvement i» the afforestation programme. The key elements of the Action Plan are: decentralised people's nurseries, more of farm forestry and less *oi* b*ock plantations by government depaitment, emphasis on regeneration of snub forest area, including fodder development through tending and seeding, larger afforestation by the State Forest Development Corporations, captive plantations on wastelands by forest-based industries and strip plantations by the respective departments alongside raiiways, roads and canals. Industries would also be encouraged to develop fuelwood and fodder plantations on wasteland distant from habitats, with a need to develop fuelwood for community use as weil as not to disturb existing com-mun

ddition, efforts are being to reduce fuelwood consumption through more efficient use and by increased utilisation of alterna sources of energy, such as:—

(1) promotion of bio-gas plants.

(2) promotion of solar coo

(3) introduction of fuel-el chulhas.

(4) development and | of fuel-efficient crematoria.

encroachment on Reserve Forest

Land in Kerala and other States

1817. SHRI B. SATYANAR.V REDDY.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of encroachment in the reserve forest 'and In Kerala and other States in the country;

(b) whether Government have framed any scheme or guideline the States to evict such persons from the illegal possession of the reserve forest land in the interest of forest development and ecology;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(6) whether the Central Government propose to give financial assistance *to* the States *to* rehabilitate such persons after their eviction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THEJ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a.) Kerala has reported that estimated aiea under encroachments is 20805 hectares. Total area of forest reserve land under encroachment in other States and Union Territories exclud-{ ing Sikkim and Mizoram is reported ot be 6,79,827 hectares.

(b) and (c) Guidelines have been ail States that an assessment of the extent of such encroach-n fnts be ma ie and it be ascertained as to how this can be controlled.

No, Sir,

1318. [Transferred to the ISt a March, 1986].

Signal System and Middle Verges on road near Kalkaji Bus Depot

SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of HOME AF) . u pleased to state:

'her it is a lact that near the Kaifcaji bus depot crossing and near J.K. Automobiles *in* A and B block (Road No. 2, Okh'a Industrial Art -II) no signal system and min ges on road have been pro-
vided.

(b) whether it is also a fact that t of these provisions has led to *mi:.ny* fatal accident, if so, the number of accidents in the last *one* year on these roads:

t steps have been taken to minimi, h accidents in future by provision of middle verges and signal on the road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU;: (a) Yes.

(b) No. During the last one year (from 1-1-1985 to 31-12-85) 4 fatal accidents occurred in this area.

(c) The De.hi Traffic Police is taking the following steps to minimise road accidents:-^

(1) Data on accidents is collected and analysed and accident-prone junctions are identified.

(2) Maximum speed limits for various types of vehicles have been specified for different roads. Speed checking by the radar is done and offen> are prosecuted.

(3) Road safety education is imparted to School Chil i and general road users by Audio Visual and exhibition methods.

Reported Corruption iu the Maingaon Docks Ltd.

1820. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of 28th December, 1985 regarding mass-scale corruption in the Mazagon Docks, Bo-nubay in the matter of assigning contracts;

(b) whether there have also been cases of large scale pilferage of dock property.

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d)' if so, what are the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pilferage of off-shore stores worth approximately Rs. 10 lakh$_s$ has been reported.

(c) and (d) The issues raised in the press reports have been looked into by the Government and except the allegation relating t_0 the pilferage, others have been found to be of no substance. The Management has taken action against those responsible. The case is also under investigation by the local police. Government have also restructured the top management to improve the overall performame of the undertaking.

Setting up of a Defence University in the country

1821. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: WiJ the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a defence university in the country;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether any site has been selected and funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d> A Study Group had recommended establishment of a Defence University. However, with the setting up of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, it is expected that the needs of Defence Personnel would be catered to through correspondence courses and contract programmes.